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Sir!

I have been happy to receive your kind letter of the 4 Januari last.
As soon as it has been received by me I put myself to work out
a list of the North-American Salicid known to me; but finding
that it will take more time than I at first thought, having to
go through not only my remarks on the balanium of Hooker, but
also the specimens of De Coudre, Vienna and Berlin, newly sent to me -
(in order that this list may be so complete as possible, and, moreover -
finding that such a list ~~was~~ not ^{well} ~~sure~~ to be ~~undertaken~~ ^{well} ~~if~~ only
a "nuder catalogus", I have thought it ~~proper~~ to put forth - at
some length - my views of these species and give short characters
for the new. I hope to get it all ready to be sent very
soon to you, that it ~~might~~ ^{might} be published and serve to some
indications in collecting new materials for a more complete knowledge
of this genus. But as I find it will take perhaps one or two

would to have my little treatise reviewed and written so that You
may ^{read} it - I now take the opportunity to inform you that
I will send at the end of this month this "Synopsis Monographica
Salicium et America boreali cognitarum" - and beg you to announce such
a little work that, in the beginning spring, the botanist, who will
favour me with some contributions may be aware to collect
flowering catkins, young and old leaves and specimens of the same
shrub in many stages of development. In herbaria the specimens
generally are very incomplete, and it is extremely reprehensible to have
fine and good specimens if anything ^{may} can be understood of foreign
Willows.

As to the Atlas of Your Botany of the Exp. Exp. these
certainly were announced in the list of books sent from Smithsonian Institution
to "Mr. Anderson 2 (two) packets." But only one was found. I then
supposed that the other may have been forgotten in America.

I think it will in every case be best to send all to me
or to you through Mr. Pöding in Hamburg. The communications from
Smithsonian Inst. are (as says our librarian) very irregular and deficient.

Almost every time there is something wanting.

I remain for ever Your most obliged
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